Bharuch-Dahej rail line

2184. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for the Bharuch-Dahej rail connection has been approved;

(b) if so, when the project would be started; and

(c) what is the time-frame for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Working hours in the Ministry of Railways

2185. SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the working hours of the office of the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether the prescribed working hours are being observed by officers and staff of all categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that female employees are attending and leaving office according to their whims & fancies;

(d) whether Govemment propose to order some surprise attendance-checks in mornings and evenings, periodically; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): The prescribed Office hours are 9 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. with a lunch break of half-an-hour from 1.00 P.M. to 1.30 P.M.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) and (e) Surprise Punctuality Checks at different times are conducted at regular intervals.